

# Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

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**GRANTEE:** Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

**TYPE OF INSTITUTION:** Tribal Organization

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**AWARD PERIOD:** October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

**FEDERAL AWARD:** \$442,527

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**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

“Putting Our People to Work: An Appropriate Career Pathway Model,” is an initiative of the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG), with the purpose of preparing community members for high-paying and/or management positions in local businesses and organizations. Career pathways include: Rural Health and Human Services, Tribal Management, Construction Trades, Education, and Business. This program has established a career pathway model to connect careers with local employers to accredited professional training programs. These career pathways have two major components. First, the project engages in partnerships with local employers to identify needed skills, knowledge, and abilities required for success in high-wage and/or management positions. This partnership also provides participants with career counseling, internships and on-the-job training, and professional development. Second, the project provides student support for tuition in training programs offered through the Interior-Aleutians Campus of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, academic support and tutoring, and job placement services.

The population served by this project comprises adult learners from Arctic Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Canyon Village, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Gwichyaa Zhee, Rampart, Stevens Village, and Venetie. Eligible community members meet minimum eligibility requirements to enroll in I-AC courses. The CATG Education Department office and the I-AC reside in the largest of these villages, Fort Yukon.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

- To develop and implement a Career Pathway model for career and technical education within the Yukon Flats for the promotion of the tribal workforce.
- To create a supportive professional and technical learning environment within the Yukon Flats that encourages degree attainment.

- To increase tribal workforce employability and placement in high-wage and management positions with the Yukon Flats.

**EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:**

Postsecondary

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:**

AREA	CERTIFICATION STATUS
Business	Endorsement, Certificate, AA Degree
Education	Certificate, AA Degree
Construction Trades Technology	Certificate, AA Degree
Health and Human Resources	Endorsement, Certificate, AA Degree
Tribal Management	Certificate, AA Degree

**AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:**

Tuition/Fees	Trade Tools and Protective Clothing
Mentoring/Internships/Tutoring	Student Travel to Student Support Seminars
Books	

**NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1**

**PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:**

Gwichyaa Zhee Tribal Government	CATG Administration
Yukon Flats School District	CATG Natural Resources
Alaska Commercial	CATG Health Clinic
Yukon Flats City	CATG Education
University of Alaska	

**ACCREDITATION STATUS:**

The University of Alaska is accredited through the North Central Association (NCA) Higher Learning Commission